



Mississippi CBC Gulfport

Facility and Location

The Naval Construction Battalion Center (CBC) was first established as an Advanced Base Depot on June 2, 1942 in Gulfport. The first Seabees were civilian construction workers who enlisted early in World War II to continue building for the Navy in the Pacific Theater and in Europe. The mission of the center changed in March 1944 from a receiving organization to a Naval Training Center, and provided for training for base engineering, diesel, radioman, quartermaster, and electrician's ratings.

Realignments then created the Naval Training Center and the Advanced Base Depot. The depot became the Naval Storehouse in 1945 and the training center was decommissioned in 1946. In 1948, the station became custodian of national stockpile materials. Today, the center functions as a support for operating units of the Naval Construction Force. Specifically, it supports Naval Mobile Construction Battalions 1, 7, 74, and 133; 20th Naval Construction Regiment; the Naval Construction Training Center; and other smaller tenant activities.

The mission today is to prepare for and support all facets of the mobilization of construction forces, including reserve units. The center is also responsible for preservation and storage of war reserves including construction equipment and materials.

Media Sampled and Findings

Drinking Water — In 2007, five of five samples detected perchlorate from 0.07 to 0.14 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.